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CLERK: Mr. President, there was distributed this mornin a new sheet under date of January 7 for the committee alignments and it is significant to note this only because there had earlier been sheets distributed which are now obsolete. This change comes about by reason of a change in committee meeting rooms between judiciary and education committee. So you might note this and throw away earlier issues which are obsolete and rely only on the January 7th version. We have new bills in front of us.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, in view of Senator Chambers resignation from my committee which was entirely voluntary and because of his special work, I would request the Executive Board of the Legislature to please appoint someone as soon as possible to the committee if they would, because we do have work to do and would like to get on with it.

SPEAKER: I trust that the chairman, Senator Carpenter, will take due note of that. Senate Carpenter were you asking to be recognized?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, Mr. President. I have a couple of announcements I'd like to make. The Executive Committee will meet this afternoon at 1:30, the same place they did yesterday.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, in that regard, we do have inaugural ceremonies of public officials and two of the judges of the Supreme Court at 2:00 P.M. Is that going to interfere?

SENATOR CARPENTER: All we want to do, as far as I am concerned, is to take the bills and expedite them. Now another thing, I took it upon myself to talk to the bill drafter. He indicated they had about 400 requests and they were practically up to date in the completion of those which have been requested. I talked to the clerk. He has less than a hundred bills in his possession which means there is three hundred bills floating around which either are going to be introduced or not be introduced. If our bill responsibility doesn't exceed what might be predetermined, I would think we would have an excellent chance to set a new record in this body to get out of here ahead of the 90 days. The point I am trying to make is those Senators who have bills, I speak from experience there is no advantage of holding a bill back. In fact, as time goes on, you will find that the sooner you have them considered the better chance you have them be accepted and become law. In any case, I do hope that every member who has bills will give them to the clerk so that they can be referred for somebody's location and this is highly important. Somebody has got 300 bills that are floating around and have'n't been turned in. Now I would like to make a motion that we recess for 30 minutes in order to allow the organization of various committees as they are now constitute.

SPEAKER: You heard the motion that recess for 30 minutes in order to organize our committees which involves the selection of the vice-chairman. Yes, if it is agreeable with you Senator Carpenter, rather than recess, we will be at ease then we don't have to check back in. Would you hold that up now until the clerk--he has some bills to read. I will do that.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is one further announcement that should be made and that is that the bill drafter will maintain an office on this floor in Room 2010. This is also the office of the Ombudsman but there is to be a bill drafter there